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Plague situation.

MANILA, P. I., *March 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to submit the following information relative to the plague situation in the East.

The outlook is so far encouraging in Hongkong and China, although it is too early in the season to draw reliable conclusions. Canton and Amoy, China, are reported free from plague, and so far the weekly average in Hongkong has been 1 case. The situation is apparently encouraging for these places. On the other hand, plague is rapidly increasing in Calcutta and other ports of India, and has appeared in Sydney, Australia, bill of health, dated March 1, reporting 2 cases.

The situation in Manila does not show much improvement, and I think there will be a rather marked increase in the number of cases during May and June.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Total deaths in Manila during January and February, 1900.

MANILA, P. I., *March 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information a report showing the total number of deaths from all causes occurring in Manila, P. I., during the months of January and February, 1900.

Unfortunately, the reports obtainable are of little scientific value, as the nomenclature of diseases is not satisfactory, and no doubt many inaccurate diagnoses are made by the native physicians, from whose returns the report is compiled. The one submitted, however, will show the total number of deaths, but the cause in many cases is a matter of guesswork, as many die without medical attention of any kind.

The report shows an unusual number of deaths from bronchitis and eclampsia; in the former cases some were no doubt tubercle of lungs, and in the latter, convulsions occurred as a symptom of other diseases.

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